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# Budget Activities Summary

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## *Tribute*

Within this document is information that is intended to be helpful to decision-makers and the general public. Our office has provided this information for years in the hopes that it results in not only a citizenry that is better informed, but also a citizenry that may experience an improved quality of life in the future. It takes a concerted effort by many people to provide this information and to work toward shaping that future. One such person who helped to make that happen in our office was Gary Felt.

Gary began his efforts with our division in 1981. Through numerous project and agency assignments, the area he truly enjoyed was social programs. He believed in their purpose, and he believed in the betterment of citizens when given tools and a helping hand to use them. He worked hard to provide information like that seen in this document, and he worked equally as hard to prevail over the cancer that finally took his life, all too soon.

He will be missed by many: his family, his friends, his co-workers, the people he met in the course of his endeavors doing what he thought needed to be done to make this state, this world, a better place. And yet, not the least to benefit from his efforts will be the people he didn't meet, but for whom he worked unceasingly. Let there be no mistake, our lives will be better for his having been here. It was a life well spent.

To his memory, we rededicate our work to help the citizenry better understand their government services, and experience an improved quality of life. To that end, the work never stops. But from time to time, we will reflect on the contributions that can be made, as evidenced by our having been blessed to know people like Gary. We miss you.

*Gary Felt*  
*1948 – 2001*

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At the beginning of the 2001 Legislative session, Governor Kempthorne outlined a bold agenda for providing the citizens of Idaho with significant tax relief, a solid education package, and additional tools to help our economy grow.

The result was a state budget for Fiscal Year 2002 that reflects the Governor's priorities, and a commitment by the Legislature to address needs in Idaho that have gone unmet for many years while making a solid investment in the future of this great state.

This Budget Activities Summary is prepared to help Idahoans better understand the budget process and the results of that process. As you review the budget activities of this past session, I believe everyone can feel good about what has been accomplished.

The Division of Financial Management welcomes any comments, questions, or input that will help us in our mission to provide effective and efficient services to the people of the State of Idaho.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitlock  
Administrator